Newsletter 6 Friday 9th October 2026

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School News

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We have had a super week at Leigh St Mary's, with so many wonderful learning opportunities taking place throughout school!

Our Year 6 Team Worship led a lovely Harvest service at church this week. Thank you to everyone who joined us and generously donated to Atherton and Leigh Foodbank. Your kindness and support make such a difference to our local community.

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic artist workshop at The Turnpike. They loved their session, and we feel very lucky to have such a wonderful resource right on our doorstep!

A huge well done to our newly appointed Junior Leadership Team. We are delighted to introduce Freddie as Head Boy, Sophia as Head Girl, Rowan as Deputy Head Boy and Kennedy as Deputy Head Girl. We also have a super team of Diamond Champions, and we look forward to seeing all our young leaders grow in their roles.

The children's presentations to our governors, myself, and the Year 6 class and team were wonderful. Myself and the team were truly moved by the thought and care they put into their speeches, and by the individual qualities and ideas each child shared. Well done to everyone who took part - you have so much to be proud of!

Thank you, as always, for being supportive part of our school community. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Mrs Watson 😊

School Updates / Dates for Your Diary

- Wednesday 14th October – Autumn Fest – after school
- Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – half term
- Saturday 31st October – deadline for secondary school applications
- Wednesday 11th November – school photos
- Friday 13th November – Children in Need – spotty or non-uniform outfits
- Friday 4th December – non uniform day for Christmas prizes
- Tuesday 8th December – Reception and KS1 Nativity - morning
- Wednesday 9th December – KS2 Christingle – afternoon
- Tuesday 15th December- Christmas Fair – after school
- Monday 21st December – Tuesday 5th January – Christmas holidays
- Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2026 – half term
- Thursday 25th March – Friday 9th April – Easter holidays
- Friday 28th May – Friday 4th June – half term
- Thursday 22nd July – Friday 3rd September – Summer holidays 2027


Celebration Assembly Awards


Love to Learn Award:

Freddie Th, Megan, Jesse, Lola, Theodore, Jaxon & Arabella

Diamond Behaviour Award:

Leondre, McKenzie, Lottie, Willow A, Roman, Emelia & Harry

Pride & Presentation Award:

Fletcher, Nick, George, Elijah, Micheal, Zara & Emelly

Spelling Star: Olivia M, Olivia S, Mason, Lyanna, Amelia, Adam & Elsie

Health & Fitness Award::

Kennedy, Sophie D, Evie, Willow G, Mozeedah, Ecaterina & Harvey

Values Trophy: Jensen & Emelia

Red Carpet Reading:

Freddie Th, Leo, Zidan, Imran, Preston, Wade, Lottie, Casey, Amy

Adrian, Aiden, Archie & Halle T

Red Teds: Mozeedah

Diamond Diner Award: Eliza, Avayah, Oliver, Lola, Chesley, Peniel & Jaylen

Attendance: Year 3 99.2%

Head Teacher Award: Year 6 Team Worship, Year 5 & Reception

Well Done to everyone!

Other News…

Secondary School Admissions

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 can apply for a secondary school place for September 2027. Applications must be submitted by Saturday 31 October 2026. Please visit the Wigan Council secondary school admissions page for further information and to apply.
https://www.wigan.gov.uk/resident/education/schools/School-Admissions/Secondary-Schools.aspx

Reception Admissions 2027

The portal is now open to apply for Reception places for September 2027. If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, they will start reception class at the start of the new school year in September 2027. Here is the link to the Wigan Admissions Portal:
https://www.wigan.gov.uk/resident/education/schools/school-admissions/primary-schools.aspx

Allergy Forms and Food Safety

All children have been sent home with an allergy information forms. We are still outstanding some forms. Please complete and return this to school as soon as possible. We need a completed form for every child, even if your child does not have any known allergies.
We would also like to remind families that nuts and products containing nuts should not be brought into school. This includes food brought in for snacks and packed lunches. This is an important part of helping us to keep children with allergies safe.
Finally, if you are sending grapes into school as part of your child's snack or packed lunch, please make sure they are cut lengthways into smaller pieces to reduce the risk of choking.
Thank you for helping us to keep everyone at Leigh St Mary's happy, healthy and safe.

So much to celebrate!



Atherton & Leigh foodbank

THE TURNPIKE GALLERY

